

CONCUSSION

Policy

It is the policy of the Slate Valley Unified Union School District to ensure the safe return of students to athletics as well as to physical education classes after a concussion.

Statement of Purpose

The recognition and treatment of students who have suffered a concussion has become a national priority. Studies have revealed that concussions, not properly treated, can result in physical and cognitive deficits. With the enactment of Act 68 in 2013, our schools are consistently ensuring our best management of concussions.

Implementation

To better manage instances of concussion for our students, The Board and Administrators in our schools require:

1. Adherence to the provisions set forth in Act 68 that addresses:
 - a. Annual education on concussion for parents, students and coaches based on state recommendations
 - b. Training on recognition of concussions every two years for coaches and to new coaches prior to beginning first coaching assignment
 - c. Parent and student signatures confirming the receipt of the information prior to participation in training or competition
 - d. Participation based on the Concussion Action Plan for Athletes and/or Students which will be provided and signed annually by athletes and parents and returned to the school prior to participation in training or competition
 - e. A healthcare provider (includes athletic trainers) is present at any home athletic collision sport (football, hockey, wrestling, and lacrosse) event and encouraged at any contact sport (basketball, cheerleading, field hockey, downhill skiing, snowboarding, and soccer-among others that are not offered in our district) and will notify the visiting team's athletic director of a concussion by any member of the visiting team. The athlete's school will notify a parent within 24 hours.
2. Adherence to the Concussion Action Plan for Athletes and/or Students whichever one may apply to ensure student safety. Noncompliance will result in suspension from the team until compliance is met.
3. Parents should be reminded seasonally to read the information and meet with the Activities Director with any questions prior to consenting to participation in any sport.

Procedures for Concerns/Complaints

If a concern or complaint arises regarding a student's plan of action following a concussion and to ensure a timely response, parents should utilize the following procedure:

1. Contact the Activities Director to discuss or make an appointment
2. Follow steps 2-5 in the Parental Involvement Policy E31.

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